



AFCIN-13

29 Oct 62

DIA Meeting - Cuba

Memorandum for Record

1. At 0930 on 26 October 1962, representatives of Army, Navy, Air Force and DIA met in Room 207, Annex III at the call of Captain [REDACTED] DIA, to discuss collection problems raised by the Cuban situation. Colonel [REDACTED] and Colonel [REDACTED] attended as USAF representatives.

2. Captain [REDACTED] summarized his observations and the results of his visit to CINCLANT in the following terms:

a. CINCLANT and CINCLANT Fleet in a state of aggravated confusion. A recent internal reorganization not connected with the blockade has contributed to this condition.

b. Operations in connection with quarantine and blockade operations are conducted in complete absence of intelligence collection operations.

(1) Twelve or thirteen Russian linguists have been provided by ONI for linguistic assistance to boarding parties.

(2) No intelligence collection plans or operations connected to the boarding parties are in effect at time of visit.

(3) Intelligence collection capabilities at the present time are concentrated on central departmental reports: where ships are; what is in them and plotting ship turn arounds.

(4) CINCLANT intelligence personnel agree that an additional intelligence collection effort is needed. Less clear is who should take the initiative.

3. [REDACTED] summarized the situation and requested the Secretary to provide the number of intelligence personnel that would be available on 5 days notice and 10 days notice for intelligence collection. Availability of linguistic and technical collectors was included.

4. During the ensuing discussion the following conclusions were established:

a. Neither DIA nor the services could dictate to CINELANT how the collection operation should be conducted, however, it would be proper to point out the collection potential and to make the necessary trained personnel available for both collection planning and collection operations.

b. The services did have an interest in the collection opportunity and would support collection operations by making available the necessary trained personnel.

c. The number of trained collection personnel available in the military services was sufficient to support an operation of this size, without undue problems.

d. A commitment of 12 collection teams of two persons each should be forwarded to CINELANT. The Teams would be available on 24 hour notice. Collection personnel requested by CINELANT would be trained and equipped. The gaining command or organization would provide general logistical support.

e. The services would continue to identify collection personnel that could be made available to CINELANT upon receipt of a request for such assistance.

f. The services would also continue to refine intelligence requirements and collection guidance pertaining to the anticipated operations.

g. This memorandum is for internal Air Force use only.

Colonel, USAF
AFOTK-12

TRANSCRIBED PAGES FOLLOW

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

DIA MEETING - CUBA

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

1. At 0930 on 26 October 1962, representatives of Army, Navy, Air Force and DIA met in Room 207, Annex III at the call of Captain [excised] DIA to discuss collection problems raised by the Cuban situation. Colonel [excised] and Colonel [excised] attended as USAF representatives.

2. Captain [excised] summarized his observations and the results of his visit to CINCLANT in the following terms:

a. CINCLANT and CINCLANT Fleet in state of aggravated confusion. A recent internal reorganization not connected with the blockade has contributed to this condition.

b. Operations in connection with quarantine and blockade operations are conducted in complete absence of intelligence collection operations.

(1) Twelve or thirteen Russian linguists have been provided by ONI for linguistic assistance to boarding parties.

(2) No intelligence collection plans or operations connected to the boarding parties are in effect at time of visit.

(3) Intelligence collection capabilities at the present time are concentrated on control departmental aspects: Where ships are; what is in them and plotting ship turn arounds.

(4) CINCLANT intelligence personnel agree that an additional intelligence collection effort is needed. Less clear is who should take the initiative.

3. [illegible]
short resume of the situation and requesting the [illegible]
number of intelligence personnel that would be available on 5 days notice
and 10 days notice for intelligence collection. Availability of
linguistic and technical collectors was included.

4. During the ensuing discussion the following conclusions were established:

a. Neither DIA nor the services could dictate to CINCLANT how the collection operation should be conducted, however, it would be proper to point out the collection potential and to make the necessary trained personnel available for both collection planning and collection operations.

b. The services did have an interest in the collection opportunity and would support collection operations by making available the necessary trained personnel.

c. The number of trained collection personnel available in the military services was sufficient to support an operation of this size, without much problem.

d. A commitment of 12 collection teams of two persons each should be forwarded to CINCLANT. The teams would be available on 24 hour notice. Collection personnel requested by CINCLANT would be trained and equipped. The [?] command or organization would provide general logistical support.

e. The services would continue to identify collection personnel that could be made available to CINCLANT upon receipt of a request for such assistance.

f. The services would also continue to refine intelligence requirements and collection guidance pertaining to anticipated operations.

g. This memorandum is for internal Air Force use only.